Alabama Department of Labor Labor Market Information Division

Region 5 High Demand Occupations 2012-2022

| | | Employment | | Percent | Average Annual | | |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------|-------------|----------------|----------|-------------|
| soc | Occupations | 2012 | 2022 | Change (%)* | Growth (%) | Openings | Salary (\$) |
| 29-1123 | Physical Therapists | 140 | 180 | 30.00 | 2.54 | 5 | 100,292 |
| 31-2021 | Physical Therapist Assistants | 200 | 270 | 33.83 | 3.05 | 10 | 55,114 |
| 29-1141 | Registered Nurses | 3,060 | 3,670 | 19.71 | 1.83 | 120 | 51,595 |
| 29-1171 | Nurse Practitioners | 130 | 160 | 26.36 | 2.10 | 5 | 103,777 |
| 11-9111 | Medical and Health Services Managers | 250 | 290 | 19.51 | 1.50 | 10 | 80,572 |
| 31-2011 | Occupational Therapy Assistants | 80 | 120 | 41.98 | 4.14 | 5 | 58,782 |
| 49-9041 | Industrial Machinery Mechanics | 910 | 1,090 | 19.71 | 1.82 | 45 | 45,118 |
| 29-1122 | Occupational Therapists | 100 | 120 | 27.37 | 1.84 | 5 | 78,890 |
| 25-1072 | Nursing Instructors and Teachers, Postsecondary | 90 | 120 | 32.22 | 2.92 | 5 | 56,752 |
| 13-1161 | Market Research Analysts & Marketing Specialists | 90 | 110 | 32.56 | 2.03 | 5 | 55,114 |
| 49-9051 | Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers | 320 | 370 | 16.15 | 1.46 | 15 | 63,125 |
| 51-4011 | Computer-Controlled Machine Tool Operators, Metal and Plastic | 260 | 340 | 30.12 | 2.72 | 15 | 34,695 |
| 29-2061 | Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses | 1,480 | 1,770 | 20.11 | 1.81 | 65 | 34,032 |
| 47-1011 | First-Line Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers | 580 | 680 | 18.40 | 1.60 | 15 | 49,775 |
| 29-2032 | Diagnostic Medical Sonographers | 40 | 60 | 36.59 | 4.14 | 5 | 56,217 |
| 27-3091 | Interpreters and Translators | 60 | 80 | 26.98 | 2.92 | 5 | 64,567 |
| 13-1081 | Logisticians | 120 | 150 | 20.97 | 2.26 | 5 | 65,598 |
| 43-6013 | Medical Secretaries | 380 | 490 | 29.06 | 2.57 | 15 | 29,876 |
| 39-9021 | Personal Care Aides | 990 | 1,470 | 48.83 | 4.03 | 55 | 17,505 |
| 29-1051 | Pharmacists | 330 | 380 | 13.47 | 1.42 | 10 | 132,046 |
| 11-9151 | Social and Community Service Managers | 130 | 160 | 18.80 | 2.10 | 5 | 62,710 |
| 53-7021 | Crane and Tower Operators | 100 | 120 | 23.47 | 1.84 | 5 | 49,306 |
| 21-1022 | Healthcare Social Workers | 170 | 200 | 21.21 | 1.64 | 10 | 43,566 |
| 31-1011 | Home Health Aides | 910 | 1,280 | 39.50 | 3.47 | 55 | 17,861 |
| 13-1151 | Training and Development Specialists | 210 | 250 | 18.93 | 1.76 | 10 | 50,571 |
| 11-9021 | Construction Managers | 290 | 330 | 14.93 | 1.30 | 10 | 90,215 |
| 13-1111 | Management Analysts | 250 | 280 | 14.57 | 1.14 | 10 | 88,332 |
| 51-4122 | Welding, Soldering, and Brazing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders | 250 | 320 | 27.53 | 2.50 | 15 | 29,648 |
| 47-2031 | Carpenters | 560 | 670 | 21.01 | 1.81 | 20 | 31,090 |
| 11-1021 | General and Operations Managers | 1,740 | 1,930 | 10.91 | 1.04 | 50 | 104,353 |
| 29-2041 | Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics | 520 | 630 | 21.00 | 1.94 | 25 | 27,902 |
| 29-2021 | Dental Hygienists | 280 | 320 | 16.73 | 1.34 | 10 | 46,863 |
| 49-9062 | Medical Equipment Repairers | 60 | 90 | 37.10 | 4.14 | 5 | 38,399 |
| 29-1127 | Speech-Language Pathologists | 130 | 160 | 18.18 | 2.10 | 5 | 66,051 |
| 17-2112 | Industrial Engineers | 510 | 570 | 11.91 | 1.12 | 20 | 68,428 |
| 53-3032 | Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers | 2,290 | 2,610 | 13.79 | 1.32 | 70 | 42,763 |
| | Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians | 180 | 220 | 23.08 | 2.03 | 10 | 32,792 |
| 49-9021 | Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers | 380 | 450 | 16.49 | 1.71 | 15 | 38,918 |
| 11-9061 | Funeral Service Managers | 90 | 110 | 25.58 | 2.03 | 5 | 39,964 |
| | Team Assemblers | 6,710 | 7,590 | 13.01 | 1.24 | 195 | 38,938 |

Note: Occupations were selected using unrounded data based on the descending order of average ranking based on three variables: growth, openings, and wages. May 2014 wage data based on the May 2013 OES employment and wage estimate file.

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Totals in some occupational groups may not add due to exclusion of sub-groups and/or individual occupations with employment of less than 10 in the base (2012) and projected (2022) years or where publication of the occupation would violate confidentiality.

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^{1.} Employment is rounded to the nearest 10. 2. Average Annual Growth is compounded. 3. Openings are rounded to the nearest 5.

^{*} Percent change is based on unrounded data.